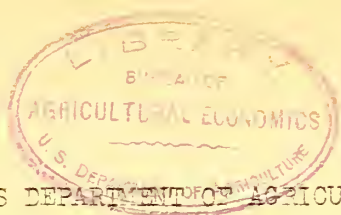


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EUROPEAN FRUIT PROSPECTS

Present indications point to good fruit crops both in England and on the Continent, according to cables from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in London, and Agricultural Attache' L. V. Steere in Berlin to the Foreign Agricultural Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

England

Early apple varieties are expected to yield good crops with the important Bramley's Seedling, Worcester Pearmain varieties good to very good and the premier dessert variety Cox's Orange Pippin very good. Early pears are expected to be a good crop, whereas later varieties, such as Fertility, Conference, and Comice, promise good to very good returns. Plums appear to be making a good crop in all districts. Fruit prospects in the important fruit county of Kent are very good and in Sussex and other districts good.

Continent

Recent warm weather has improved all fruit conditions, and a plentiful harvest of apples is expected on the Continent generally. The cherry crop appears to be heavy in all Southern European countries and average or better in Central Europe. Peaches promise a good crop in Italy, where apricot, pear and plum prospects are also good. In the Italian Tyrol, the best crop of apples since 1919 is expected with a possible export surplus of 10,000 to 12,000 cars. Gravensteins and other export varieties are heavy. In the Loire and Rhone districts of France, pear prospects are good, with apples, generally fair to good. Large crops of cherries, apricots, and peaches are reported in Southern France. Other fruit appears favorable though delayed. In Switzerland, apple and pear trees carried a belated but heavy bloom. A large crop of cherries is also expected. Soft fruit crops in Germany are mostly good, particularly cherries, while apples are average to good and pears poor to good. Notwithstanding the full crop last year, fruit prospects in Austria are generally good, although pears now appear variable. Apples will probably be abundant. The indications are generally good for apple, cherry and plum crops in Czechoslovakia, with pears average and below. Conditions are favorable for all fruit in Belgium, with apples expected to be average and above. Prospects for both apples and pears in Holland appear good. In Sweden a good blossom was accompanied by a heavy rain which makes the outlook uncertain.

